THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Monday, 7th July 1952.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, Madras, at half past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

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I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Improvement of rural roads in Rayalaseema.

* 44 *Q.*—SRI K. V. VEMA REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether there is any special scheme for the improvement and extension of rural roads in the districts of Rayalaseema?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI:—" There is no special scheme for the formation and improvement of village roads in the Rayalaseema districts except the five-year plan of Post-War Road Development and the District Boards' programmes of improvements to village communications."

SRI K. V. VEMA REDDI:—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, may I know what is the length of the roads to be formed under the Five-Year Post-War Road Development Scheme in each district of Rayalaseema? "

MR. SPEAKER:—" The hon. Member may put a separate question."

* 45 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER:—" The hon. Member Dr. P. Varadarajulu Naidu is not putting his question. Therefore, I pass on to the next question."

Legal assistance to Harijans.

* 46 *Q.*—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO:—Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of (1) criminal and (2) civil cases in which Harijans were given legal assistance in 1951–52; and

(*b*) the quantum of aid given?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" (*a*) Nil.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI A. RATHINAM:—" Are the Government aware that the mirasdars are framing criminal charges against some Harijans in villages and, if so, may I know what action the Government have taken to extend the privilege of State aid to Harijans? "